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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 23, 2003, Applicants elect group III (CD163 variant; claims 19-27 and 32-35) with traverse.

The Examiner concedes that if claims of group III are deemed allowable, Applicants have the right, under MPEP 821.04, to request rejoinder of the dependent method claims of groups IV and V.

The restriction III/IV and III/V are traversed on the ground that the claims of group III are considered allowable. This traversal is made to preserve the right of rejoinder under MPEP 821.04.

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